

This is a direct violation of not only our federal constitutional law but also a direct violation of Oregon's constitutional law. We the people have a right to defend ourselves not just in our homes, or on our property, but anywhere else in public. When you take away our rights you give the criminals more power over us. A bad guy does NOT care about the law and will carry a gun illegally to commit crimes and in turn the law-abiding citizens need to be able to respond quickly to stop a threat. When seconds count the police are minutes away. Law-abiding citizens have every right to protect themselves, loved ones and other innocent people from harm.

Over the past few years it seems you, our elected representatives, have lost perspective. You operate how you think things should be, but as I said, you are elected to represent us, the people. It seems as if you as a collective have become disillusioned to how things truly work in the real world. This bill will only increase crime and hurt those you're elected to represent. Lastly, this country is a constitutional Republic; the constitution is the law of the land and the founding fathers would be appalled to see that bills like this are even being entertained, as they violate both constitutions.

The 2nd amendment in the bill of rights reads: A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."